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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
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FOR: Mr. Richard V. Allen
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: The President FROM: Pharis Harvey
DATE: June 25, 1981 SUBJECT: Relations with Korea
policy on human rights, reduction of Kim Dai Jung's sentence
WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: 7/29/81 NSC # 034238
(if any)

THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

- ☐ A draft reply is attached.
☐ A draft reply will be forwarded.
☐ A translation is attached.
☒ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
☐ We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
☐ Other.

REMARKS:

DRAFTED: EA/K:FCASHLEY:FM 8.7/81
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L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR

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August 7, 1981

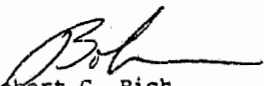
Mr. Pharis J. Harvey
North American Coalition for
Human Rights in Korea
110 Maryland Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D. C. 20002

Dear Pharis:

The White House has asked me to respond to your letter of July 7 with which you enclosed a letter from Mrs. Moon. We very much appreciate your forwarding Mrs. Moon's letter, and wish to assure you that both our Embassy in Seoul and this office will continue to be open to communication with all who wish to write.

As you may know, I am today turning over my responsibilities to my successor, Paul Cleveland, who has had a great deal of experience with U.S.-Korea relations and will, I am sure, be willing to continue the relationship you and I have enjoyed.

Sincerely,



Robert G. Rich
Director of Korean Affairs

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

ACTION SLIP
Unclassified
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SS CONTROL NUMBER
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ACTION ASSIGNED TO EA/H
(Action Office Instructions on Reverse)

DATE 8/1/81

ACTION REQUESTED

STATE TO NSC MEMO
STATE TO

with Draft reply for signature
by
with Comment or Recommendation

☒ DIRECT REPLY

☒ provide info copy under cover
of State NSC transmittal form
provide comeback copy
for

REPLY FOR SIGNATURE
BY

RECOMMENDATION FOR
with Memorandum for the President

APPROPRIATE HANDLING

-FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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REMARKS SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

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FROM: S. Ohta (NAME)
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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

JULY 29, 1981

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 034338

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JULY 7, 1981

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. PHARIS J. HARVEY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NORTH AMERICAN COALITION OF HUMAN
RIGHTS IN KOREA
110 MARYLAND AVENUE, NE
WASHINGTON DC 20002

SUBJECT: RELATIONS WITH KOREA POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS
REDUCTION OF SENTENCE OF KIM DAE JUNG

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL — IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN BASIC CORRESPONDENCE, CONTROL SHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 33, THE WHITE HOUSE

BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT:
LESLIE SORG
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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- ☐ O - OUTGOING
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Date Correspondence
Received (YY/MM/DD)

8/10/07

Name of Correspondent:

Pharis J Harvey☐ MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) _____

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Subject:

Relations with Korea policy on human rights
Reduction of sentence of Kim Dae Jung

ROUTE TO:

ACTION

DISPOSITION

Office/Agency (Staff Name)	Action Code	Tracking Date YY/MM/DD	Type of Response	Code	Completion Date YY/MM/DD
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ACTION CODES:

- A - Appropriate Action
C - Comment/Recommendation
D - Draft Response
F - Furnish Fact Sheet
to be used as Enclosure

- I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary
R - Direct Reply w/Copy
S - For Signature
X - Interim Reply

DISPOSITION CODES:

- A - Answered
B - Non-Special Referral
C - Completed
S - Suspended

FOR OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

- Type of Response = Initials of Signer
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Completion Date = Date of Outgoing

Comments:

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PRESIDENTIAL REPLY

Code Date Comment Form

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SIGNATURE CODES.

CPn - Presidential Correspondence

- n - 0 - Unknown
- n - 1 - Ronald Wilson Reagan
- n - 2 - Ronald Reagan
- n - 3 - Ron
- n - 4 - Dutch
- n - 5 - Ron Reagan
- n - 6 - Ronald
- n - 7 - Ronnie

CLn - First Lady's Correspondence

- n - 1 - Nancy Reagan
- n - 2 - Nancy
- n - 3 - Mrs. Ronald Reagan

CRn - Presidential & First Lady's Correspondence

- n - 1 - Ronald Reagan - Nancy Reagan
- n - 2 - Ron - Nancy

MEDIA CODES:

- B - Box/package
- C - Copy
- D - Official document
- G - Message
- H - Handcarried
- L - Letter
- M - Mailgram
- O - Memo
- P - Photo
- R - Report
- S - Sealed
- T - Telegram
- V - Telephone
- X - Miscellaneous
- Y - Study

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110 Maryland Avenue NE Washington DC 20002 • 202 546-4304

Pharis J. Harvey Executive Director

July 7, 1981

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President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. President:

The enclosed letter to you has been hand
carried from Korea to our office with the request
that it be translated and transmitted to you.

We commend it to your thoughtful attention
and trust that you will be able to reply to
Mrs. Park in a way that will reassure her and
all our democratic friends in Korea that they
have your concern and support.

Sincerely,

Pharis J. Harvey

Mrs. Park Yong Gil
527-30 Su Yu Dong
Seoul, Korea 132

June 25, 1981

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Reagan,

It is regrettable that you have not yet replied to our open letter to you of January, 1981, at the time of Chun Too Hwan's visit to the White House. Today, on the 31st anniversary of the start of the Korean War, once again we send you our open letter with the following questions.

We know that your country joined the war and fought courageously, offering the lives of thousands of your young people. We also know that your reason for joining in the war was to protect democracy. Do you think that this democracy for which your country sacrificed so dearly is now being actualized in Korea today? If not, how do you intend to compensate for all the precious lives lost in that war?

Secondly, we know that you firmly believe the spread of Communism must be stopped. We believe that you know how Communism in a country like Korea can be overcome. We believe that the only way to overcome Communist expansion is the establishment of a free democratic system in which all the people can voluntarily participate. On the other hand, we believe that a dictatorship or authoritarian system will foster the growth of Communism. This has been proven by the bitter experience of the Vietnam War. What is your opinion about this matter?

Thirdly, you maintain that there is a big difference between the oppression of human rights in the Communist totalitarian regimes and the authoritarian regimes of allied nations. Have you thought about how many political prisoners are being cruelly tortured and are crying out in agony by anti-Communist authoritarian regimes such as Korea while you speculate about the differences from the White House? Do you, as the President of the strongest nation in the world, feel any moral responsibility toward the oppression taking place in our country today?

Fourthly, your government considers the reduction of the sentence of Kim Dae Jung and his colleagues (some of them have been released) as a great success of your human rights policy. They had been arrested for advocating democracy in Korea; several of them are clergymen and Christian

professors. However, Kim Dae Jung and his colleagues are still serving long prison terms or life imprisonment and justice has not been restored in the land at all. Although some people have been released many more people are being continuously arrested under the excuse that they are violating the law related to meetings and demonstrations. If you consider the release of prisoners a success, Korea will be a place to provide you with much success in the years to come, as the number of arrests greatly surpasses the number of released. Can you really be proud of this type of success?

Fifthly, we believe that lasting peace between our two nations can be achieved by establishing a relationship of lasting truth and justice between our two peoples. We do not believe that such a relationship can be achieved through an unhealthy relationship between a dictatorial regime which is not supported by the people and a government which serves only its self interest. Do you realize the extent of anti-American sentiment which is ever growing among intellectuals and students? What do you think is the proper response to this growing anti-American feeling?

We hope that you do not underestimate the Korean peoples' ability for establishing a democracy. We hope that your policy is not based upon the mistaken notion that only military leaders can rule our country. We firmly believe that our people have the ability to establish a democratic system and we have enough leadership to carry out this task. We believe that our aspiration can become a reality if you do not prop up the military regime in Korea and the military maintain neutrality so that a free atmosphere is guaranteed for a free election.

We are hoping to hear your thoughtful reply to our questions in the near future. We pray that God's blessing will be upon you, your family, and your country.

The families of the Kim Dae Jung Case Prisoners
(signed) Park Yong Gil (Mrs. Moon Ik Whan)
Representative

레이건 미국대통령 귀하

우리는 귀하의 전두환에 남미 초월이 판하여 우리가 귀하께 보낸 지난 1월의 공개질의 시간대 대하여 아무런 회답이 없는 것을 수치로감으로 생각하면서, 오는 한국전쟁 발발 31 주년을 맞아 다시 한번 다음 내용을 공개질의 하고자 합니다.

첫째, 우리는, 귀국이 한국전쟁이 한전하여 수많은 젊은 희생자들을 내면서 들었의 싸웠으며 그 항전이유는 자유민주주의 수호였음을 잘 알고 있습니다. 이와 관련하여, 귀하는 본래 한국에 귀국이 수많은 희생자를 내면서 지키려 했던 자유민주주의가 실천되고 있다고 보십니까? 아니면 과연 당시 귀국 젊은이들의 희생의 대가는 어떻게 해야 한다고 보십니까?

둘째, 귀하는 철저한 반공주의자라고 알고 있습니다. 따라서 귀하는, 한국과 같은 나라가 공산주의에 대항하여 승리할 수 있는 법안이 무엇인지도 잘 알고 계실 것입니다. 우리는 공산주의에 대항하여 승리할 수 있는 길은 국민의 자발적인 참여와 결정을 기본으로 하는 자유민주제이지, 강제적인 독재 혹은 권위주의 체제는 절대 아니며 이는 뼈아픈 경험으로부터 원상전이 잘 증명하고 있다고 봅니다. 이에 대한 귀하의 견해는 무엇입니까?

셋째, 귀하는 공산 「전체주의」 정권과 반공 「권위주의」 정권의 인권탄압에는 큰 차이가 있다고 주장하고 계십니다. 그러면, 귀하가 한가롭게 이러한 비교를 하고 있는 동안, 한국을 비롯한 반공독재 혹은 권위주의 체제 하에서 얼마나 많은 정치범들이 관후한 고문과 고문수에서을 부리고 있는가 생각해 보신 적이 있습니까? 있다면 이러한 사실에 대해 세리 최강국의 대통령으로서 어떻게 생각하십니까?

넷째 귀국 행정부는 민주주의의 실천을 구상하고 구축된 한국의 저명한
부사들과 크리스찬 교수들이 함께 기도된 김대중씨 지친 동료 피고들의 관할
및 일련의 정치변혁방을 귀하의 인권정책의 성공으로 여기고 있는 것으로 압니다.
그러나, 그들은 아직도 무기징역 또는 장기형을 복역중이며, 정의는 전혀 회복되지
않은 상태일뿐 아니라, 한쪽으로 일부가 석방되는 반면, 또 한쪽으로 「김희락
시위야관한 법률」 등에 의해 새로운 사람들이 속속 구속되고 있습니다. 계속적인
석방조치가 귀하의 인권정책의 성공으로 표현된다면, 귀하는 영원히 성공
할 수 있을 것입니다. 왜냐하면, 석방되는 숫자 보다 더 많은 사람이 계속 새
로운 구속자가 생겨나, 언제까지나 석방조치는 계속될 것이기 때문입니다.
이러한 상황에서 자화자찬하는 귀국 행정부의 태도에 만족하십니까?

다섯째, 우리는 영원히 지속될 수 있는 외교관계는 국민의 지지없는 정권
대 정권의 경제적인 이익을 추구하는 팔계가 아니라, 영원불변의 진리와
정의를 토대로 하는 불국민 대 국민의 팔계라고 생각 합니다. 이것은 명단에
올라 한국의 지식인 및 학생들 사이에 광배하는 반미 감정을 어떻게 생각
하십니까?

귀하는 우리나라의 민주능력을 모해해서 눈 집권 외에는 다른 길이
없다는 그릇된 정책에 고착되어 있지는 않습니까? 우리가 확신하는
것은 귀하가 한국 군사정권을 지지하지 않고 한국 군의 정치적 중립만
보장하고 자유로운 분위기에서 공명선거를 할 수 있는 여건만 부여한
다면 우리는 민주주의 정부를 수립할 수 있는 인물들과 역량이
있다고 확신합니다.

귀하의 성의있는 답변을 바라며, 귀국 귀하 및 귀하의 가정에
하느님의 은총이 함께 하시기를 바랍니다.

1981. 6. 25

김대중 사건 팔련자 가족 일동

대표 박응길 (Mrs. Moon Ok-ukian)